

**Stormwater Management Rules Advisory Group
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
February 29, 2012**

NJDEP staff met with members of the Stormwater Management (SWM) Rule Advisory Group and members of the Riparian Zone (RZ) and SWM focus groups established through the Flood Hazard Area Control Act (FHACA) rule stakeholder process on February 29, 2012. The goal of the meeting was to update the group on the current rulemaking schedule for the SWM Rule, N.J.A.C. 7:8, as well as discuss potential amendments that affect the SWM rule.

Michele Putnam, Director, Division of Water Quality welcomed the group and noted that an internal examination of the stormwater management program is currently underway. Once the initial internal assessment is completed, the Department will convene an external stakeholder process. The program has identified a few issues that it believes are priority changes that should be made prior to the completion of a more in-depth assessment of the program. To this end the Department has decided to go forward on a few amendments in the short term that will be proposed simultaneously with the FHACA rule.

Earlier in the week, Elizabeth Dragon, Bureau of NonPoint Pollution Control, sent out the draft short term amendments, which included the following: the water quality threshold, the process for manufactured treatment verification and certification, the water quality treatment within the riparian zone, and a clarification for calculating water quantity. During the meeting each of the amendments were presented and discussed. During the discussion the group had many comments regarding the specific rule language and was advised to also express those issues through track changes and email them back to Ms. Dragon.

One of the potential amendments that was presented had not been previously stakeholdered; the amendment to clarify water quantity calculations. Those who had comments on the specific choice of language were asked to represent those comments using track changes and email to the Ms. Dragon.

Robert Piel, Acting Director, Division of Policy, Implementation and Watershed Restoration discussed that amendments to the SWM Rule are being made as part of the FHACA Rule Proposal, which is expected in the summer. The anticipated adoption is December 2012. Mr. Piel noted that the anticipated changes to the FHACA rule involved multiple sections to the rule, not just the synchronization of the SWRPA and the RZ.

Vince Mazzei, Division of Policy, Implementation and Watershed Restoration, discussed some contemplated changes to the RZ. The changes will combine the SWM rule's SWRPA, the requirements of 2008-2 Administrative Order, and the 300-ft RZ into one buffer with one set of standards. A detailed discussion of these changes is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012. Comments to the potential rule language will be received at that meeting or submitted to Mr. Mazzei.

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